(*f*) Yes.

MEDICAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE SREEMOOLANAGARAM DISPENSARY—COMPLAINTS REGARDING

316. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura)*: Will Govrnment be pleased to answer.—

(*a*) did the Government get a mass petition recently from the public of Vellarapilli about the conduct of the Medical Officer-in-charge of the Sreemoolanagaram Dispensary;

(*b*) what action did the Government take in the matter?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (*Chief Medical Officer*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The allegations against the Sub-Assistant Surgeon were enquired into by the Chief Medical Officer. It was found that the charges were based merely on prejudice and incorrect information. The Sub-Assistant Surgeon was however found not tactful enough in dealing with people. He has been therefore asked not to give rise to any complaints.

HOARDING AND PROFITEERING PREVENTION ACT—CASES UNDER

317. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of cases under the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Proclamation, Act detected by the Hoarding and Profiteering Staff;

(*b*) the number of prosecutions if any for cases in (*a*);

(*c*) the results of such prosecutions?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commisssioner of Police)*:

(*a*) 58 (reported to the Police).

(*b*) 14.

(*c*) All the 14 cases are pending trial.

LORRY DRIVER—PROSECUTION OF

318. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the lorry driver (in question No. 264 kindly answered at the last Session) is being prosecuted;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, for what offence;

(*c*) at what stage is the case now;

(*d*) who was the informant of the offence at the Trichur Town Police Station?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*:

(*a*) (*b*) & (*c*). The driver was prosecuted under section 77 read with section 107 of the Cochin Motor Vehicles Act, for causing obstruction. The prosecution was withdrawn before the trial commenced on the request of the accused.

(*d*) Police Constable No. 553.

Adjournment Motion

Mr. President: I have received a letter from Mr. Moothedan apologising for his apparent discourtesy yesterday and repeating his notice of motion for the adjournment of the House. I am afraid I am of opinion that his motion is not in order. It concerns not only the Government of Cochin, but the Government of Travancore which is not open to discussion in this House.

I cannot say now exactly how the business of the House will go, but it is possible that Government business will be concluded before tomorrow evening. In that case I think will be for the convenience of the Hon'ble Members to proceed straight to the Non-official Business which is put down for Thursday.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Cochin Vagrancy Bill

Clauses 2 to 7 put and carried

Clause 18

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Sir, I have tabled two amendments to clause 8 of the Bill and they both together will complete the section. May I move both?

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